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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Patent Application of )  
ASHIKARI et al. )  
Application No.: 08/894,356 ) Group Art Unit: 1649  
Filed: August 18, 1997 ) Examiner: U. Zaghamount  
For: GENE ENCODING A PROTEIN )  
HAVING ACYL GROUP TRANSFER )  
ACTIVITY )

**REPLY TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT AND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**  
**TRANSMITTAL**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Enclosed is a Reply To Restriction Requirement and Preliminary Amendment for the above-  
identified patent application.

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- A Petition for Extension of Time is also enclosed.
- Also enclosed is \_\_\_\_\_.
- \_\_\_\_\_ statement(s) claiming small entity status  
[ ] are also enclosed [ ] were submitted previously.
- A Request for Entry and Consideration of Submission under 37 C.F.R. § 1.129(a) is also  
enclosed.
- No additional claim fee is required.
- An additional claim fee is required, and is calculated as shown below:

AMENDED CLAIMS					
	NO. OF CLAIMS	HIGHEST NO. OF CLAIMS PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	EXTRA CLAIMS	RATE	ADDT'L FEE
Total Claims		MINUS =		x \$22.00 =	
Independent Claims		MINUS =		x \$82.00 =	
If Amendment adds multiple dependent claims, add \$270.00					
Total Amendment Fee					
If small entity status is claimed, subtract 50% of Total Amendment Fee					
<b>TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE DUE FOR THIS AMENDMENT</b>					
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A claim fee in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ is enclosed.

Charge \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to Deposit Account No. 02-4800.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17 and 1.21 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 02-4800. This paper is submitted in triplicate.

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